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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| MICHAEL R. BOWMAN | | : Examiner:) Group Art | | |
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| Filed: August 3, 2001 | | ·) | | |
| For: | NOVEL EBI-3-ALT PROTEIN AND NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND USES | ; ;) | | |

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant, having previously petitioned to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003 to November 14, 2003, hereby petitions for a further one month extension of time up to December 14, 2003. A check in the amount of \$310.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

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Respectfully submitted,

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